

Dorothy Dix Talks

A MAN'S PLACE IN THE HOME.

(By DOROTHY DIX, The World's Highest Paid Woman Writer.)

WE are all agreed that making a home is a partnership job that requires the united efforts of both sexes.

No man can make a real home by himself alone although he lives in a palace designed by an architect who is an artist, and puts a tidy on every chair, and has a cook who is a chef.

No woman can make a home alone by herself though she smokes cigarettes in every room, has a parrot that swears, and a cat that comes in late.

It takes both a man and a woman working together, to create that intangible atmosphere that changes a house into a real home. This being true, what should be the man's part in the actual work of running the home? If he furnishes the money which maintains it, does that end his responsibility in the matter, or has his wife a right to expect him to add the role of handy man around the house to that of financial backer?

An interesting light has just been thrown on this question by a recent decision of a judge of the Domestic Relations court.

A man was tried for wife desertion. He pleaded as his excuse for having abandoned his own fireside that his wife made him do all of the housework in addition to supporting the family. He said that after having worked hard all day as a carpenter he would have to cook the supper, make the beds, sweep the floor, wash the children's faces, and often work till midnight doing the family laundry. For which reason at last this poor downtrodden domestic worm turned, and, in vulgar parlance, beat it.

The judge, being a just man, exonerated the martyred husband and delivered a severe lecture to the slave driving wife in which he told her, in substance, that when a man provides the money to support a family, and that the rest is up to his wife. He should be considered an honored guest who is not expected to do any other work or face any of the worry of keeping the household machinery running.

This is, of course, if the wife is well. Naturally if the wife is an invalid the husband would have to lend a hand, but a healthy woman who has not industry and intelligence and ex-

ecutive ability enough to keep her house going without bothering her husband or sending out a S. O. S. call for his help ought to be ashamed of herself.

She shows herself a poor incompetent, and the thing she should do is to buck up and get busy with her end of the domestic partnership.

The woman who expects her husband to be assistant chambermaid and cook and nurse girl at home, in addition to doing his own work outside of the home, is handicapping him in the race for success. In the fierce competition that prevails now in every kind of business the average man has just about all the work, anxiety and nervous strain that he can endure in his own business. If when he gets home he has to help with the dinner and the cleaning up, and wash the dishes, sooner or later he will find out that these domestic duties are the last straw that broke the camel's back and he will collapse under them.

No matter how willingly he undertakes his wife's work in addition to his own, or how beautiful the impulse that prompts him to save her all of the onerous and distasteful duties of housework, a man who does it makes a mistake. He is frittering away on little things the energy that ought to be bestowed on big things and is making overdrains on his vital forces that lessen his power to succeed, and he is sure to be passed in the race for position by the man who has a wife capable and energetic enough to do her own work single handed.

For an invalid every excuse is to be made, but any able-bodied woman who makes a domestic drudge of her husband, or who lets him walk the floor with a crying baby half the night after he has done a hard day's work, is guilty of monumental selfishness.

Every now and then you meet a mother who boasts that she has never gotten up at night with one of her babies. It fills one with wonder, not only at the lack of sympathy for her husband and affection for him, but at the lack of sense she displays. For in accepting the sacrifice the patient husband has made for her, she has sent a man, dulled, weary and nervous from lack of sleep and rest, out to compete next day with men whose every faculty was keenly alive. And naturally the man could not hold his own.

Many a wife who has wondered why her husband did not get along in business as well as some other man she knows who is in the same line, could find the answer to her problem in the fact that she makes her husband walk the floor with the baby with the colic at night, and that she uses up his every ounce of spare energy in making him do chores about the house all the time he is at home.

Of course the woman will say that

the baby is just as much her husband's baby as it is hers and that he's just as able to walk it as she is. Which is true, but it is also true that housework does not require the mental alertness or the energy that money making does, and so if anyone is to face their job with their mental and physical ability a little under par it had better be the woman than the man.

Moreover, there is nothing about housekeeping that can't be put off or slighted, and there is no day in which a woman cannot find time to take a little rest if she needs it. The business man, on the contrary, is driven from morning to night and has no moment in which to make up his broken rest as his wife has.

Women do not intentionally overburden their husbands. It is simply because they understand so little what the strenuous modern commercial life makes on a man in mind and body. They save up odd jobs for him to do at home, and wonder why he's so exasperated when they ask him to do a few little errands like going by an intelligence office and sending out a new cook, or matching a spool of elephant's breath silk, or buying a half dozen different articles in a department store that you only have to go up and down about seventeen different floors to find.

A man's business is to make the money to support the home. A woman's business is to make the home, and as long as the man does not ask his wife to help him with his job she should have pride enough not to call on him for assistance in hers, or to afflict him with the stories of all of her trials and difficulties.

Besides the money that the man gives towards making the home his other gift should be spiritual. He should help make the home cheerful and happy and brave, and that will be a far greater help to his wife than if he washed the dishes or peeled the potatoes.

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Macauley's Cartoon For Today



WHEN AMERICA STRIKES.

DRAWN BY C. R. MACAULEY.

President Calls on Americans Economize In Use of Foodstuffs

The chief part of the burden of finding food supplies for the people associated with us in war falls for the present upon the American people, and the drain upon supplies on such a scale necessarily affects the prices of our necessities of life. Our country, however, is blessed with an abundance of foodstuffs and if our people will economize in their use of food providently confining themselves to the quantities required for the maintenance of health and strength; if they will eliminate waste; and if they will make use of those commodities of which we have a surplus, and thus free for export a larger proportion of those required by the world now dependent upon us, we shall not only be able to accomplish our obligations to them, but we shall obtain and establish reasonable prices at home.

To provide an adequate supply of food both for our own soldiers on the other side of the seas, and for the civil populations and armies of the Allies, is one of our first and foremost obligations; for, if we are to maintain their constancy in this struggle for the independence of all nations, we must first maintain their health and strength. The solution of our food problems, therefore, is dependent upon the individual service of every man, woman and child in the United States.

The great voluntary effort in this direction which has been initiated and organized by the food administration under my direction offers an opportunity of service in the war which is open to every individual and by which every individual may serve both his own people and the peoples of the world. We cannot accomplish our objects in this great war without sacrifice and devotion, and in no direction can that sacrifice and devotion be shown more than by each home and public eating place in the country pledging its support to the food administration and complying with its requests.

WOODROW WILSON.

TERRITORIAL MARKET CLOSING WAS MISTAKE, THINKS MISS S.C. STERRITT

Protests against the closing of the territorial market continue to be made. One protest voiced last week was that of Miss Sadie C. Sterritt, superintendent of the Girls' Industrial School.

Miss Sterritt, who is an efficient housekeeper, has been a regular patron of the territorial market ever since it was opened, buying all the meat used in her institution at that place. She cannot continue buying from the market wholesale, because she has no refrigerator large enough to contain such great quantities of meat at a time.

"It will make a big difference in the cost of running this institution," said Miss Sterritt, who said she was speaking simply for herself, and not as a representative of one of the territorial institutions. "I buy all my meat there, and it costs much less than it would if I bought it at the other markets. I always try to buy where I can get the best value for the money expended, and personally, I am more than sorry to see this market close. I got good meat there, and fair and square treatment from the butcher."

Continuing, Miss Sterritt said: "Rather than close the market it seems to me, just personally, as a Honolulu woman conversant with living expenses here, that it would have been the part of wisdom to add refrigerating equipment sufficient to care for the fish caught by Honolulu housewives. I buy about 100 pounds of fish a week. A few days ago I saw a basket of fish sold for \$3.15 at auction, when the upset price asked for the fish by the man who brought it from the wagon was \$2. If the Territory handled the fish direct from the fisherman, all this middleman's profit could be eliminated. Speaking for myself alone, it seems to me that closing this market will work a considerable hardship on many of the poor white people of the city."

FILIPINO TELLS HOW HE KILLED AGED CHINESE

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondent) HILLO, Nov. 30.—At the inquest that was held yesterday morning before Coroner Henry Martin and a jury of six citizens a verdict to the effect that Wong Ing Ching, a Chinese, died by being struck by a blunt instrument in the hands of Pedro De La Cruz was returned. De La Cruz had been committed to the district court on a charge of murder, and from that court will without doubt find his way to the grand jury. Wong Ing Ching is the Chinese who was so brutally murdered at Honolulu last Wednesday.

At the coroner's inquest several witnesses testified to the fact that the injured Chinese had made his way up the Filipino camp maka of Honolulu and that he then collapsed and was carried to the Chinese camp, where he expired from the terrible injuries that he had sustained.

De La Cruz's statement, made in the Hillo jail after his arrest in this city, was read to the coroner's jury. In it the Filipino, after being duly warned by Deputy Sheriff Martin that the Chinese was dead, confessed to holding up the aged Chinese, and, after beating him by mashing his head on the hard, rocky road, robbed him of his bonus money. The Filipino adds that he did not know the name of the Chinese, but that he owed him \$5 and wished to pay it. He stated that he gave the Chinese \$10 and asked for the change. The Chinese would not return the money, according to Pedro, so he choked the old man, beat him, robbed him and left him for dead.

Then discarding a raincoat which he had borrowed to use on his trip through the rain to the plantation store where the bonus money was being paid, Pedro states that he started for Hillo and walked all the way in. The raincoat proved to be the missing link in the case, as the friend from whom Pedro had borrowed the coat identified it as his later on and said that he had loaned it to Pedro.

Thrift; War Manuals and War Poetry. There are several other lists, and as all of them contain five to 30 different books on the same or related topics, nearly everybody who calls for a book will have a chance to be served with something authoritative on the subject he wishes to study. The pamphlets or lists are for free distribution.

Details of the Japanese-American agreement are displayed prominently in London papers but editorial comment is restricted to a few papers.

DISPLAY OF BOOKS CLOSES ON DEC. 8

The display of children's gift books at the library will close December 8. Nearly all of the books displayed may be had at local dealers, and those who like to give books as Christmas pres-

ents have a splendid opportunity in this display, and the kind assistance of the children's librarian, in selecting the right kind of books for children. An interesting and timely exhibit now on at the library is a quantity of pamphlets listing books about the war. Some of the lists given are of books on the following topics: Explosives, Guns and Shells; Why We Are at War; Tales From the Trenches; Canning and Storage of Foodstuffs; Books for War Gardeners; Uncle Sam's Navy; Keeping Fit in War Time; Foreign Trade Expansion; War Time

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LONDON.—Do you wear glasses? Are you a victim of eye-strain or other eye weaknesses? If so, you will be glad to know that according to Dr. Lewis there is real hope for you. Many whose eyes were failing say they have had their eyes restored through the principle of this wonderful free prescription. One man says, after trying it: "I was almost blind; could not see to read at all. Now I can read anything without any glasses and my eyes do not water any more. At night they would pain dreadfully; now they feel fine all the time. It was like a miracle to me." A lady who used it says: "The atmosphere seemed hazy with or without glasses, but after using this prescription for fifteen days everything seems clear. I can even read fine print without glasses." It is believed that thousands who wear glasses can now discard them in a reasonable time and multitudes more will be able to strengthen their eyes so as to be spared the trouble and expense of ever getting glasses. Eye troubles of many descriptions may be

wonderfully benefited by following the simple rules. Here is the prescription: Go to any active drug store and get a bottle of Optons tablets. Drop one Optons tablet in a fourth of a glass of water and allow to dissolve. With this liquid bathe the eyes two to four times daily. You should notice your eyes clear up perceptibly right from the start and inflammation will quickly disappear. If your eyes are bothering you, even a little, take steps to save them now before it is too late. Many hopelessly blind might have been saved if they had cared for their eyes in time.

Note: Another prominent physician to whom the above article was submitted, said: "Optons is a very remarkable remedy. Its constituent ingredients are well known to eminent eye specialists and widely prescribed by them. The manufacturers guarantee it to strengthen eyesight 50 per cent in one week's time in many instances or refund the money. It can be obtained from any good druggist and is one of the very few preparations I feel should be kept on hand for regular use in almost every family."—Adv.

Crystal White

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